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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1846

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: BEXP, CG

SUBJECT: RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

REF: A) LAGOS 2408 (NOTAL) B) STATE 064704

1. DESPITE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AIRLINE GUIDES, FACT REMAINS THAT FLIGHT QC 041 RPT QC 041 DOES NOT

RPT NOT STOP IN LAGOS.

2. ALTERNATIVE ARE: (A) ROUTE ADVANCE OFFICER MILLER TRIED VIA NAIROBI (SEE REF A). ADVANTAGES ARE SUBSTANTIVE TALKS IN NAIROBI AND WE KNOW IT WORKS. DISADVANTAGE IS COST. (B) ROUTE VIA DOUALA SUGGESTED REF B. PROPER FLIGHT DESIGNATIONS AND TIMES ARE.

DEPART LAGOS SATURDAY APRIL 12 AT 1535 HOURS ON UY 709 RPT UY 709 ARRIVING DOUALA 1700 HOURS; OVERNIGHT DOUALA; DEPART DOUALA SUNDAY APRIL 13 AT 1730 HOURS

ON RK 050 RPT RK 050 ARRIVING KINSHASA 2035 HOURS. DISADVANTAGES ARE DEAD TIME IN DOUALA AND FACT THAT

RK 050 (KINSHASA'S POUCH FLIGHT) WELL KNOWN TO

EMBASSY AS UNDEPENDABLE. ADVANATAGES ARE IT IS

SHORTER AND/OR LESS EXPENSIVE THAN ALTERNATIVES A

AND C. (C) CHARTER PLANE IN KINSHASA TO MAKE PICK-UP IN LAGOS (PER PARAGRAPH 3, REF B). ONLY

PLANE AVAILABLE KINSHASA IS SIX-PASSENGER EXECUTIVE

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JET. ASSUMING WHOLE MISSION PLUS DIRECTOR COULD BE

FITTED INTO TWO SHUTTLES, COST WOULD BE \$15,400 RPT \$15,400. DISADVANTAGE IS COST. ADVANTAGES ARE CONTROL AND TIMING.

3. RECOMMEND MISSION FOLLOW ALTERNATIVE A VIA NAIROBI. HINTON

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